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- On 27 June all myon and counties in North Korea held "People's Emergency Action Meetings" requiring compularry attendance of all males from 16 to 35. North Korean army officers told the assemblies that all men were needed to fulfill North Korean policy in occupied South Korea. One group of students, ages 15 to 17, were told to board a train directly from the meeting and were sent to Yangyang (128-38, 38-04); they arrived on 28 June. From Yangyang they were marched to the front to carry supplies and ammunition. When the war was prolonged, the students were organized into two battalions, were trained 5 days by eight North Korean soldiers, and were sent to the front.
- The morale of these troops at the Yongchon (128-56, 35-58) area in late 20 August was low because of hunger and lack of supplies. Half of them want to surrender but are afraid because of North Korean political corps propaganda that the ROK army tortures and kills its captives. Morale is good among regular indectrinated North Korean troops, who firmly believe the ROK army is their enemy and who fight to exhaustion,

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